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1. OUR OBSERVATIONS ON AMBASSADOR VON RHAMM ARE SIMILAR
TO THOSE OF EMBASSY BANGKOK, WHICH OF COURSE SAW MUCH MORE
OF HIM. WE FOUND DR. VON RHAMM INTELLIGENT, HARD-WORKING
AND ASTUTE. DURING HIS VISITS TO LAOS, HE MADE A POINT
OF SCHEDULING LENGTHY INTERVIEWS WITH THE AMBASSADOR IN
ORDER TO OBTAIN THOROUGH BRIEFINGS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN
LAOS AND ON AMERICAN VIEWS. HE WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE
OF THE HELP HE RECEIVED.

2. DR. VON RHAMM IS AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT WHOSE
PERSONAL CHARM AND GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR MAKE HIM A VERY
PLEASANT COLLEAGUE. HE MIGHT WELL BE SELECTED BY "CENTRAL
CASTINT" AS THE PROTOTYPE OF THE GENIAL, HANDSOM GERMAN
DIPLOMAT.
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